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Fortifications on the Island of

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1. Lastovo military base, with headquarters in the town of Lastovo, is commanded by an infantry officer from Montenegro. The command is composed of:

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- A political commissar, a merchant marine officer, from Makarska.
- b. A regiment of naval infantry, garrisoned in Ubli, Lastovo, and various other localities on the island.
- c. An artillery regiment of about 2,500 men, commanded by a major of artillery, garrisoned in Lastovo and in the fortifications throughout the island.
- d. A medical detachment, quartered in Lastovo, commanded by a medical lieutenant.
- e. A warehouse for food, clothes, and shoes, located in Ubl., and staffed with a naval captain, two lieutenants, a standard bearer, and about twenty junior officers and men.
- The fortress is commanded by a Major Radakovic from Lika, who frequently inspects Korcula, Hvar, and Mljet, which are probably also under his command. The staff of the fortress, quartered in what was formerly the school in Lastovo, is composed of several labor battalions consisting of from 4,000 to 5,000 men. These troops, mainly from Macedonia, are frequently replaced.
- Informant observed the following:
  - The reconnaissance station, consisting of a radio station and a heliograph, located in the old Lastove fort, was completely renovated in 1949.
  - b. A new reconnaissance station consisting of a radio station, a heliograph, and a reflector, has been constructed on Pristap, north of Ublic
  - c. At the right of the Porto Largo entry there are four anti-aircraft guns which are constantly covered with canvas and protected by cement breastworks. The gun crews are quartered near the guns.

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- d. Numerous anti-aircraft guns mounted on platforms are located on the highest elevations above the battery described in paragraph d above.
- e. Since autumn, construction of such major items as bunkers and underground magazines and shelters has been accomplished between the extreme northwestern end of the island and the port of Sveti Mihovil.
- f. The island has a network of new highways.
- g. Sixty new barracks have been erected for the labor battalions.
- h. The labor battalions from Lastovo, especially the units from Ublig frequently go to the island of Marchiara, where new stone barracks and bunkers for troops have been built.

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